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1. SECRET/STADIS- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. IN THE COURSE OF OUR FREQUENT ONGOING DISCUSSIONS WITH MOFA OFFICIALS CONCERNING KAL858, WE HAVE SKETCHED OUR PLANS (REFTELS) TO SHARE WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, INCLUDING THE SOVIETS, INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY US AND IN SOME CASES BY THE ROKG. WE HAVE INFORMED MOFA NORTHEAST ASIA DIVISION DIRECTOR TANAKA, WHO HAD CONDUCTED THE OFFICIAL GOJ INTERVIEW OF KIM HYUN-HI, THAT WE ARE PLANNING TO MAKE AVAILABLE OUR OWN DEBRIEFING TRANSCRIPT -- WITH THE BLESSING OF THE ROKG -- WHERE THIS WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL IMPACT.

3. TANAKA APPLAUDED THAT COURSE OF ACTION, ADDING HIS
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PERSONAL BELIEF THAT THE MORE CREDIBLE INFORMATION THAT CAN BE PROVIDED THE SOVIETS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, THE BETTER THE PROSPECTS THAT THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE INDUCED TO WEIGH IN WITH THEIR NORTH KOREAN ALLIES TO "DETER ANY FURTHER ACTION, ESPECIALLY ACTION DIRECTED AGAINST THE OLYMPICS."

4. IN THAT REGARD, TANAKA ASKED FORMALLY WHETHER THE USG MIGHT PROVIDE TO HIM (TANAKA, OF COURSE, IS THE DE FACTO MAJOR PLAYER IN DEVELOPING AND COORDINATING THE GOJ POLICY RESPONSE TO KAL 858) ANY AND ALL

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INFORMATION WE HAVE DEVELOPED, INCLUDING OUR OWN TRANSCRIPT OF THE KIM HYUN-HI INTERVIEW. TANAKA INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO US ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS THE (JAPANESE-LANGUAGE) TRANSCRIPT OF HIS OWN DEBRIEFING OF KIM HYUN-HI.

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6. ACTION REQUEST: EMBASSY ASKS THAT DEPARTMENT PROVIDE THE KIM HYUN-HI INFORMATION PACKAGE TO US WITH INSTRUCTIONS THAT THIS BE PASSED DIRECTLY TO MOFA.

7. MOSCOW MINIMIZE CONSIDERED.

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